

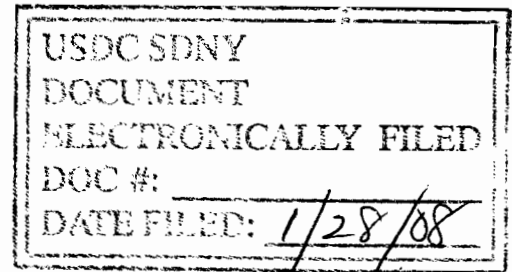
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January 25, 2008

**BY FAX AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007



Re: *Ocean Ridge Capital Advisors, LLC, as Litigation  
Trustee of the MAS Litigation Trust v. Metropolitan  
Life Ins. Co., et al., 07-CV-2313 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y.)*

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

We represent defendants Gurminder Bedi, Thomas Graham, Jeffrey Hodgman, A. Kipp Koester, John F. Maypole, Peter S. Macdonald, Donald A. McKay, Henry A. Nickol, Gary Swenson, and Thomas K. Walker in this action. All of our clients were members of the board of directors of Meridian Automotive Systems, Inc. We also write on behalf of Robert H. Barton III, Craig Van Ess, and H.H. Wacaser, who also were directors of Meridian and who are defendants in this action (together, with this firm's clients, the "Director Defendants"). In December 2007, all of the Director Defendants reached a settlement in principle with plaintiff Ocean Ridge Capital Advisors, LLC ("Plaintiff"). The parties are now finalizing the settlement documents.

The deadline for joining additional parties, as set out in the Court's Amended Scheduling Order, is January 31, 2008. Because the Plaintiff and the Director Defendants are working on completing their settlement, the Director Defendants respectfully request that the Court adjourn, until February 29, 2008, the time for the Director Defendants to join additional parties. We make this request solely on behalf of the Director Defendants who are named above.

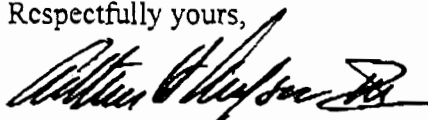
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We have spoken with Plaintiff's counsel, who do not object to our request.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,



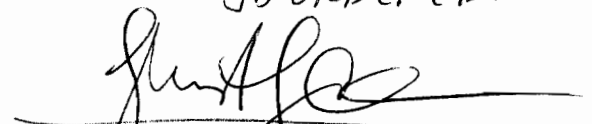
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cc: All Counsel of Record (via electronic mail only)

The Director Defendants' request is granted. The deadline for joining additional parties, pursuant to the Amended Scheduling Order, is extended from Jan 31, 2008 to Feb. 29, 2008. All other deadlines set forth in the Amended Scheduling Order remain in effect.

Date: Jan 25, 2008

SO ORDERED:

  
Shira A. Scheindlin, USDJ